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May 9, 1989

Acumenics Research & Technology, Inc.
1400 I Street, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005

Attn: 104(e) Task Force

Re: Request for Information for Artel Chemical Site,
Nitro, West Virginia

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the EPA letter of April 20, 1989 seeking information from potentially responsible parties with respect to the Artel Chemical site.

BP Chemicals Inc. and its predecessor companies Sohio Chemical Company and Vistron Corporation are manufacturers of acrylonitrile and acetonitrile. A search of our files indicate that we sold acrylonitrile and acetonitrile product to Fike Chemical, now known as Artel Chemical, in the early 1980's. No records were found that concern or relate to materials generated, that have been or are treated or stored at the Artel site. The documents pertaining to our product sales are provided in Attachment 1. BP Chemicals Inc. reserves the right to update this information in the future.

Please contact me at 216/586-5114 if there are questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,



K. J. Madliger
Manager, Health, Safety and
Environmental Quality

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Attachment

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bcc: G. W. Dirks
J. L. Litner

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Attachment 1
Artel Chemical Site Responses

1. Any transactions, contracts, communications, arrangements, or activities entered into between or with your company and Artel including but not limited to for each such matter:

Sales records (attached) indicate that acrylonitrile and acetonitrile were sold to Artel in 1981, 1982 and 1985. The records reveal no other type of business was conducted with Artel.

- a. the date of the transaction or other matter;
- b. identification of the materials, if any, provided by your company to Artel;
- c. an estimate of the volume of each material identified in (b) above.

1981 - Acrylonitrile Product - 14,000 lb.
1982 - Acrylonitrile Product - 8,750 lb.
1985 - Acetonitrile Product - 1,050 lb.

- d. a brief description of the transaction, contract, communication, arrangement or activity, including if possible the payments made by Artel or its representatives to your company, any payments your company made to Artel, and the services to be rendered:

See question 1

- e. any contracts and/or invoices related to the matter;
None known.
- f. the chemical composition of the materials sent by your company to Artel and the manner in which the substances were stored or contained at the time they were sent;
- g. information as to whether the materials sent by your company to Artel pursuant to the contract were by-products, spent chemicals or other waste materials generated by your company's manufacturing processes;

The chemical composition of the acrylonitrile and acetonitrile products are given in the attached specification sheets. Quantities of these chemicals as shown in question 1(c) above were sold to Artel. The materials sold to Artel were final products and not by-products, spent chemicals or other waste materials.

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- h. any contract, agreement, or other arrangement with Artel pursuant to which Artel would manufacture a product or perform a service for your company and your company would lend, rent or otherwise make available to Artel equipment, personnel, ingredients and/or scientific information to assist in the manufacture of the product or performance of the service for your company;

None known.

- i. the results of any sample analysis performed on the materials sent by your company to Artel;

Materials sold to Artel were final products and meet the specifications of our firm's product. (see 1(g)).

- j. any RCRA hazardous waste manifests pertaining to the shipment of materials from your company to Artel.

None. No shipments of hazardous waste were made to Artel.

2. The identity of, and documents relating to, any person other than your company or representatives of Artel who stored, treated, transported, or disposed, or who arranged for the treatment, disposal, or transportation of the materials identified in Request No. 1 at or to the Site.

Not Applicable

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